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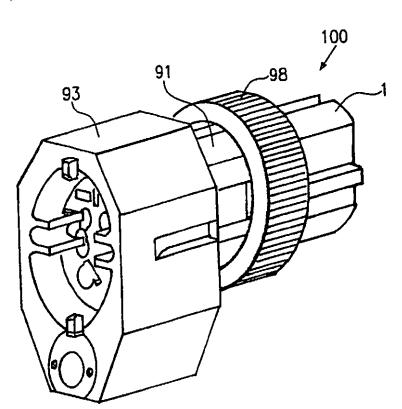
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an electrical socket adapter selectively providing electrical pins and insertion holes in different configurations, the adapter comprising a casing with openings in a front side of the casing and at least one pin holder being removeably placed in the casing, wherein the pin holder comprises electrical pins being extendable through corresponding openings in the casing to protrude from the casing. It is the object of the present invention to provide an electrical socket adapter applicable to a variety of electrical standards and being yet still compact and convenient. This object is solved by an electrical socket adapter of the above mentioned type characterized in that at least one electrical pin being hinged on the pin holder to be selectively extractable from the pin holder, wherein in an operative position the electrical pin protrudes from a front side of the pin holder, and in a rest position, the electrical pin is at least partially retracted in the pin holder.

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